

# A Regional Capacity Building and Networking Programme to Upgrade Monitoring and Forecasting Activity in the Black Sea Basin

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## **ARENA aims to:**

- identify the gaps, needs, resources and existing capacities of the Black Sea countries, identify the needs of the end users and foster an adequate capacity building through training and networking to improve the ongoing basin wide activities,
- monitor and assess the changes of the ecosystem characteristics of the Black Sea,
- formulate a Data-Base Management System and explore, quantify and initiate a preliminary prediction system and set up a network among the Black Sea Institutions and establish links for the regional information and dissemination for marine data and services,
- set up links and collaborate with the other ongoing international programmes,
- raise awareness and build up an efficient dissemination system and disseminate information and the basin wide activities to all community,
- improve the regional capacity to serve Black Sea GOOS, EuroGOOS and GOOS.

[http://www.ims.metu.edu.tr/black\\_sea\\_goos/projects/arena.htm](http://www.ims.metu.edu.tr/black_sea_goos/projects/arena.htm)